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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Zhengyu YUAN and Zhong-Xiao CHEN

Serial No.: 09/248,158

Filing Date: February 9, 1999

For: DIRECT ADSORPTION  
SCINTILLATION ASSAY FOR  
MEASURING ENZYME ACTIVITY  
AND ASSAYING BIOCHEMICAL  
PROCESSES

Examiner: Maurie Garcia, Ph.D.

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This amendment is filed subsequent to the Office Action dated May 24, 2000, Paper No. 10, for which a response was due on August 24, 2000. In a petition accompanying the amendment filed October 25, 2000, Applicants requested a three-month extension of time, which extended the date of response to November 24, 2000, and accordingly this paper is timely filed.

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows: